

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A surgical implant comprising: a biodegradable material internally reinforced in a longitudinal direction having a helical configuration.
2. The surgical implant of claim 1, wherein the internal reinforcement comprises elements selected from the group consisting of microfibrils and fibrils.
3. The surgical implant of claim 1, wherein the internal reinforcement comprises elements selected from the group consisting of fibers, wires, braids, and ribbons.
4. The surgical implant of claim 1, wherein the helical configuration includes a screw-threaded configuration.
5. The surgical implant of claim 1, further comprising a second biodegradable material internally reinforced in a longitudinal direction having a second helical configuration, wherein the helical configuration and the second helical configuration are at least partially nested within each other.